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- 1. As of early 1951, the Chukurovo coal mine, located approximately 15 kilometers south of Elin Pelin village, Sofia district, employed approximately 300 laborers. The mine, formerly owned by a certain Markov, was nationalized sometime during 1947 and is now managed by an unidentified former partisan.
- 2. The mine produces brown lignite coal which is shipped to the Elin Pelin railroad station by truck and aerial conveyor lines. There it is loaded on railroad cars by means of a special loading ramp.

Stalin Thermoelectric Plant

- 3. The TEES (Termichna Elektricheska Tsentrala; Electric Heating Plant) Stalin, constructed sometime during 1950, is located approximately 500 meters northwest of the main Sofia railroad station and approximately 500 meters north of the Sofia-Stalin rail artery in the Nadezhda quarter of Sofia. The plant is of brick and concrete construction and has a smokestack approximately 20 meters high.
- 25X1 4. The plant supplys electric power for industrial establishments in Sofia. According to newspaper reports in 1950, the TETS Stalin was supposed to meet half the electric power requirements of Sofia; however, the electric power shortage in Sofia has not been alleviated by the operation of this plant.
- 5. The plant is fueled with coal transported from the main Sofia railroad station by means of a special connecting spur line.

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Gorubso Refinery

- 6. The refinery which processes ores from the Gorubso mines is located in the immediate vicinity of the Arda River on the southeast outskirts of Kurdzhali. The plant, which has a smokestack approximately 30-40 meters high located on its northern perimeter, covers an area approximately a city quarter in size.
- 7. The plant is staffed by Soviet personnel, both technical and non-technical, and operates three shifts each 24-hour period; it is currently increasing its number of laborers.
- 8. The raw ore, heavy black silver-colored ore containing lead, zinc, and silver, is transported to the plant by aerial conveyers from the mines at Madan, Strashimir, and Rudozem villages. The finished product, unrefined lead, is transported to Kurilo for final processing.
- 9. Plant security is maintained by Militia personnel who also allegedly guard the aerial conveyor.

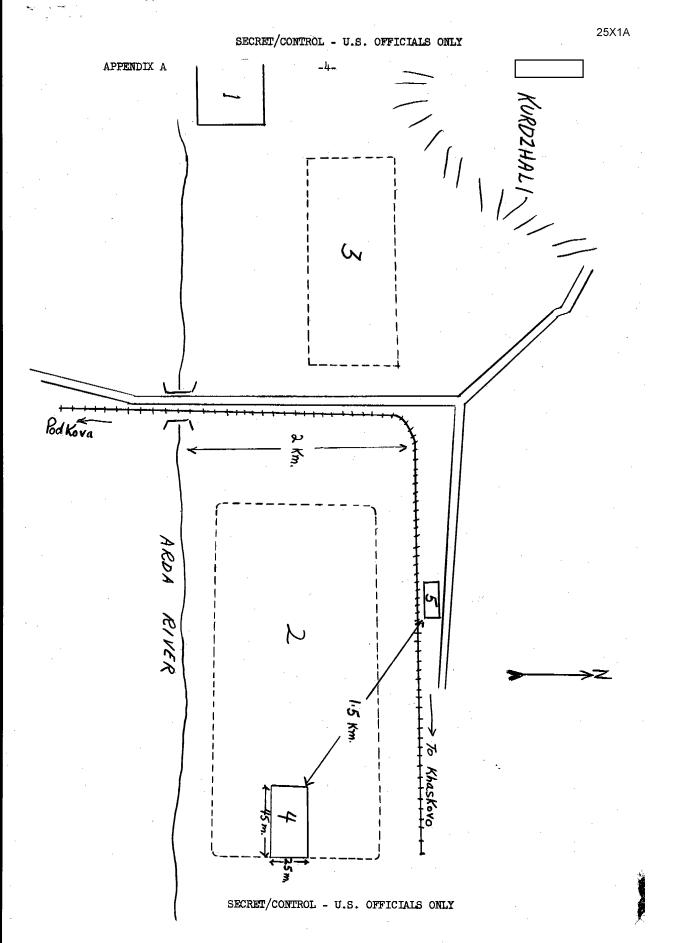
Construction of New Refinery

- 10. During early 1951, SOVBOLSTROI (Suvetsko Bulgarsko Stroitelno Predpriyatie; Soviet-Bulgarian Building Association) and Gorubso directors made a contract, calling for an eight-year program of enlargement. Under this contract, a new plant to handle all phases of lead and zinc production, several plant buildings, and a workers housing project are to be constructed by 1959.
- 11. The new plant site covers a large area approximately three to four kilometers from the present refinery and is located between the Arda River and the Kurdzhali railroad station. However, with the exception of an electric power substation building completed during late summer 1951, no construction will begin on the plant until early spring 1952.
- 12. Transformers and other necessary equipment will be installed and the electric power substation will begin operating sometime during 1952. Although the substation is to receive power from Dimitrovgrad, no power lines have been constructed as yet.
- 13. During the summer of 1951, construction work was begun on the workers housing project and on several administrative buildings. These buildings, located on the southeast outskirts of Kurdzhali and on the western boundary of the Podkova-Khaskovo rail artery separating them from the proposed plant, are to be completed by the summer of 1952.
- 14. As of 27 December 1951, two of the buildings in the housing project had been completed and the third was still under construction. These buildings are of brick and cement construction and contain 27 apartments each. Administrative offices, workers kitchen, and dining room buildings have also been completed. All electric installations in the completed buildings were composed of "home-made" fixtures, electric equipment, and rubber insulation material.
- 15. Approximately 600 SOVBOLSTROI employees were working eight hours a day on the project and five to six watchmen were guarding the construction site. However, in expectation of an increase in the tempo of the work during 1952, personnel recruitment teams were sent throughout Bulgaria. According to rumors

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	MOL	ng construction workers, these teams have been instructed to kers and to offer reservist service deferments as inducement recruits.	recruit 5,000 to all possi-						
16.	Appendix A, on page 4, shows the following installations:								
	2.	Gorubso non-ferrous metal plant. Construction site of new Gorubso plant. Administrative office, several other buildings, and workers Electric power substation. Kurdzhali railroad station.	housing project.						
17.	App	endix B, on page 5, shows the following installations:							
		Workers homes, 3-story buildings, 27 apartments each. Engineer and Technician building, under construction. Administrative office building:							
	٠.	a. Communist Party room. b. Chief personnel recruitment office. c. Assistant chief recruitment office. d. Records office. e. Chief supply office. f. Typist's office. g. Bathroom. h. Engineer department. i. Planning department. j. Production department. k. Assistant Director's office. l. Director's office.							
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٠	4. 5. 7. 8.	Director's "villa," 2-story building, four apartments. Kitchen. Dining room. Engineer and Technicial department. Cultural building under construction	25.814						

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